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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-18 and 30-35, drawn to an image forming apparatus, classified in class 399, subclass 393.

II. Claims 19-29, drawn to a method of determining the size of media sheets in a removable media tray, classified in class 400, subclass 279.

Inventions of Group I and Group II are related as apparatus and process for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process of Group II can be used to determine the sizes of work pieces or circuit boards or by hand, or the apparatus of Group I can be used with multiple input trays or output trays.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

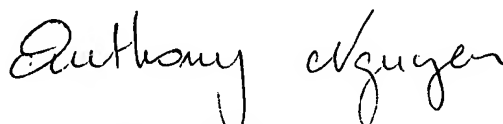
Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the

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currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

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